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Mr. Magee walked about the room. Warly the professie turned so that was nt no instant at his with He looked so helpless, so little. ineffectual, that Mr. Magee aban-Though his first plan of leaping upon 100 there in the stence.

"I suppose." he said, "your love of tesh air accounts for the strolls of he balcony at all hours of the night? The old man merely blinked at him I mustn't stop," Magee continue

I just wanted to make my apology that's all. It was unjust of me. Mar der-that is hardly in your line. In the way, were you by any chance it my room this morning. Professor Ba Silence.

"Pardon ma remarked the profespor at last, if I do not answer. In this very essay on-on hars, Montaigne

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has expressed it so well. 'And how much is a false speech less sociable than silence?' I am a sociable man." "Of course," smiled Magee. He stood looking down at the frait old scholar before him and considered. Of, what avail a scuille there in that chill

He went out through the open winjust outside Miss Norton's room. Bhe in the air at Baidpate even in the will put a startled head out at his knock. ter time. No somer have the men "Oh, it's you," she said. "I can't inanything happened?"

"Throw something over your head, tumn comes, and everybody laughs and Juliet." smiled Magee; "the balcony is forgets. May not our sutmin comewaiting for you."

She was at his side in a moment, shadowy wnite floor.

Magee softly. "Simply through a turn away I'm going, too, about ten feet of luck I know. I realize that my behind." protestations of what I am going to do be in your hands very soon."

given it to you-if I do," he continued, whispered breathlessly. what then?" "Then," she answered, "I must go

know or they will try to stop me." 'And after that?"

Baldpate mountain waved their block arms constantly as though sparring with the storm. At the foot of the buried roadway they could see the lamps of Upper Asquewan Falls; un- lence. hurrying home with the supper groceries through the night. And not one of those citizens was within miles of dently. guessing that up on the balcony of ; ntil I do F am content to say no Baldpate inn a young man had selzed more a young woman's hand and was say-

her face away. "You've known me just two days," she said.

isn't it? Some time soon I'm going to Hayden stood face to face. say to you, 'Whose girl are you?' and you're going to look up at me with a little heaven for two in yambeyes and were going," Quimby replied. "and I say, 'I'm Billy Magee's girth'so before find him here." we go any further I must confess everything-I must tell you who this to admit you belong to, my dear."

"You read the future glibly," she rewonder?"

said you had and that it wasn't sincere: Well. I wrote it"-

"Ob!" cried the girl,

"Yes," said Magee, "and I've done others like it. Oh, yes, my muse has been a nouveau riche lady in a Worth gown; my ambition, a big red motorcar. I've been a 'scramble a cent; mister, troubadour beckoning from the bookstalls. I turned tired of that kind-the real kind."

"Don't tell me." whispered the girl, got the seventh key." that you came up here to

dy melodrama." The girl leaned limply against the

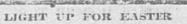
side of Baldpate inn.

"Oh, the irony of it!" she cried. temptation. I'll do the real stuff, so that when you say—as you certainly must some day—I'm Billy Magee's girl, you can say it proudly."

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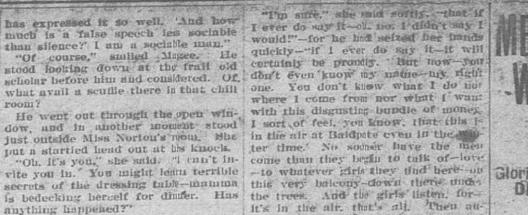


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when I go away?" "Never" cried Mageo, "This is no and they walked briskly along the summer botel affair to me. It's a real in winter and summer love, my dear. "I know who has the money." said in spring and full and when you ge

"Yes," she laughod, "they talk that have bored you. But it looks very way at Baldpare-the last weeks of much to me as if that package would summer. It's part of the game." They

In the window of the armes had uppeared for a moment a flekering yelaway-very quickly. And no one must low light.

"I know," said Mr. Magee. "There's somebody in there. But that isn't im-The deluge," she laughed without portant in comparison. This is no summer affair, dear. I love you, and when Up above them the great trees_of you go away I shall follow:" "And the book?"

"I have found better inspiration than Baldpate Inn." They walked along for a time in sl-

der those lamps prosaic citizens were. "You forget," said the girl. "you only know who has the money."

"I will get it." be answered confi-ently. "Something tells me I will.

"Goodby." said the girl. She stood ing wildly. "Beautiful girl-I love in the window of her room, while a harsh vorce called, "Plat you, dearie?" Yet that was exactly what Billy Ma- from justile. "And I may add," she gee was doing. The girl had turned smiled, that in my profession a following is considered quite-desirable,"

She disappeared, and Mr. Magee, after a few minutes in his room, de-"If I can care this much in two scended again to the office. In the cendays," he said, "think-but that's old, ter of the room Elliah Quimby and

"What is it. Quimby?" asked Magee. "I just ran up to see how things

"Our latest guest," smiled Magee. "I was just reminding Mr. Hayden," Billy Magee is-this man you're going Quimby said, his teeth set, an angry light in his eyes, "that the last time we met he ordered me from his office. plied. "Are your prophecies true, I I told you, Mr. Magee, that the Suburban railway once promised to make "Absolutely. Some time ago-on use of my invention. Then Mr. Kenmy soul, it was only yesterday! - 1 drick went away, and this man took asked if you had read a certain novel charge. When I came around to the cailed The Lost Limousine, and you offices again he laughed at me. When I came the second time he called me a loafer and ordered me out."

"Well?" asked, Hayden. "And now." Quimby went on. "I find you trespassing in a hotel left in my care-the tables are turned. I ought to show you the door. I ought to put

you out. "Try it," sneered Hayden,

"No," answered Quantry, "I sin't going to do it. Maybe it's because I've sort, and I decided to try the other grown timid, brooding over my faiture. And maybe it's because I know who's

"Yes," smiled Magee, "I came up red for a mimute, and then Quimby here to forget forever the world's gid- moved away, and went our through the

dining room door. The seventh key! Mr. Magee thrilled at the mention of it. So Elliah Quimby knew the Mentity and the

"I know," he said, "it's ridiculous, mission of the man who had in the "I know," he said, "it's ridiculous, mission of the man who had in the think all this is meant just formulate. Did any one else? Magee looked nex, Did any one else? Magee looked at the broad acreage of the mayor's at the broad acreage of Max's, face, at the sucjeut lemon of Max's, at Bland's, frightened and thought ful, at Hayden's, concerned but smiling. Did any one else know: Ah, yes, of course. Down the stairs the professor of comparative literature felt his way to food. "Is dinner ready?" he asked, Deering

about.

The candles flickered weakly as they fought the stronger shadows. Winter roared at the windows. Somewhere above a door crashed shut. Close to its fluil scene drew the drama at Baldpate inn. Mr. Magee Enew it; he could not have told why. The others seemed to know it too. In slience they waited while the hermit scurried along his dim way preparing the ment. In slience they sat while Miss Norton and her mother descended. Once there was a little flurry of interest when Miss Thornhill and Hayden mer ut the foot of the stairs:

"Myra:" Hayden cried. "In beaven's name, what does this mean?"
"Unfortunately," said the girl, "I
know-all it means."

And Hayden fell back into the shad-

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